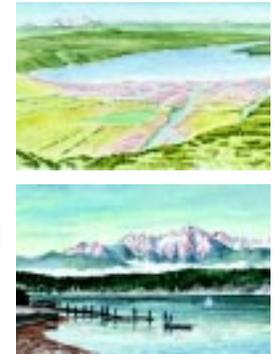




# The Hood Canal

## Community Nearshore Restoration Program



### Partners

- Hood Canal Marine Shoreline Property Owners
- Puget Sound Action Team(Puget Sound Partnership)
- Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement
- Great Peninsula Conservancy
- WSU Extension
- WA Sea Grant Program
- WA State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- U S Fish and Wildlife Service
- Mason County Health
- Mason County Assessor
- North Mason Chamber of Commerce
- Port of Dewatto
- Hood Canal Improvement Club
- Theler Community Center
- Mason County Community Development

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### Program Funding

The education and outreach component receives its funding from HCCC's Salmon Recovery Plan and implementation funded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Past funding was from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Puget Sound Action Team.

Restoration projects are being addressed through multiple grant sources, including Salmon Recovery Funding Board, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation , WA State Fish and Wildlife, and others.

The Hood Canal Coordinating Council's Community Nearshore Restoration Program (CNRP) is a combined education and outreach program and a restoration program for marine waterfront property owners.

Program Purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement restoration and preservation projects in the nearshore</li> <li>• Inform shoreline landowners about nearshore processes and water quality</li> <li>• Encourage shoreline landowners to improve community connections and stewardship</li> </ul>



## The Program

The Community Nearshore Restoration Program was conducted in 2003 on the Northshore area of Hood Canal, 2004 in the Tahuya/Dewatto area of Mason County and 2006 along the southshore of Hood Canal. In 2007, working with property owners on the Kitsap County shoreline.

To initiate the program, key property owners act as advisory to develop the program and play a key role in promoting the program in their community and the next program area.



The program is tailored around the community's concerns and needs using current science based information and technology. Topics covered are nearshore processes, restoration ideas, water quality problems, and sea level rise awareness.

The program can include workshops, beach walks, open houses, and home meetings where shoreline neighbors can discuss issues and share in stewardship actions.

The HCCC develops a project list and gives assistance in the funding process. Identified native vegetation restoration projects are implemented by the Marine Riparian Initiative (MRI).

The MRI is a program that will assist shoreline landowners with native plant vegetation for erosion controls and salmon habitat enhancements. Native plants are available as well as technical assistance to complete a planting plan and maintain plants over a longer term.



## Results

The results are a new group of informed shoreline property owners and stakeholders about nearshore processes. That will lead them to more ecologically friendly methods of developing and managing their land.



It will provide detailed information to the regional nearshore study. It will provide the HCCC with more opportunities to work with nearshore property owners on developing and submitting project applications for funding restoration and protection projects.

And it will help the HCCC recruit local land owners to help us work with other communities and groups around the Hood Canal and Eastern Straits in similar education and restoration efforts.